

Student Success Division: Advocate, Partner, Resource

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Accelerated Changes and Disruptions

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated changes that were already underway in the Texas economy and required **swift solutions from Texas higher education**

-5.69%

ENROLLMENT DECLINE

Texas public universities and community colleges had declines in student enrollment (2019-2021)

59%

DIGITAL LEARNING

Students prefer online or hybrid learning options even without the threat of COVID-19

37%

SKILLS DISRUPTION

The top 20 skills requested by employers for the average U.S. job have changed since 2016

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

GOALS

**\$270
Million**

investment from the
**Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
and Economic Security
(CARES) Act** allocated
to support higher
education needs



Provide education, training, or reskilling that many Texans need to **meet workforce needs**



Address challenges in enrolling, retaining, and graduating **critical learner populations**



Support other **immediate needs** of learners and Texas institutions of higher education

Strategic Investments



FINANCIAL AID & WORK-BASED LEARNING

Provide financial aid to support student enrollment, retention, graduation and expand paid learning opportunities



WORKFORCE RESKILLING & UPSKILLING

Equip learners with the skills and knowledge needed to attain credentials of value in high-demand fields



DATA SECURITY & MODERNIZATION

Modernize education and workforce data infrastructure to be more secure, accessible, and actionable



ADVISING & STUDENT SUCCESS

Design online tools for students to develop plans that can help them achieve goals and advance careers



DIGITAL LEARNING SUPPORTS

Accelerate the design and delivery of digital learning, including courses and other student experiences

\$140.3M

Financial Aid &
Work-Based Learning



\$86.1M

Workforce
Upskilling & Reskilling



\$18.0M

Data Security &
Modernization



\$16.9M

Advising &
Student Success



\$8.4M

Digital Learning



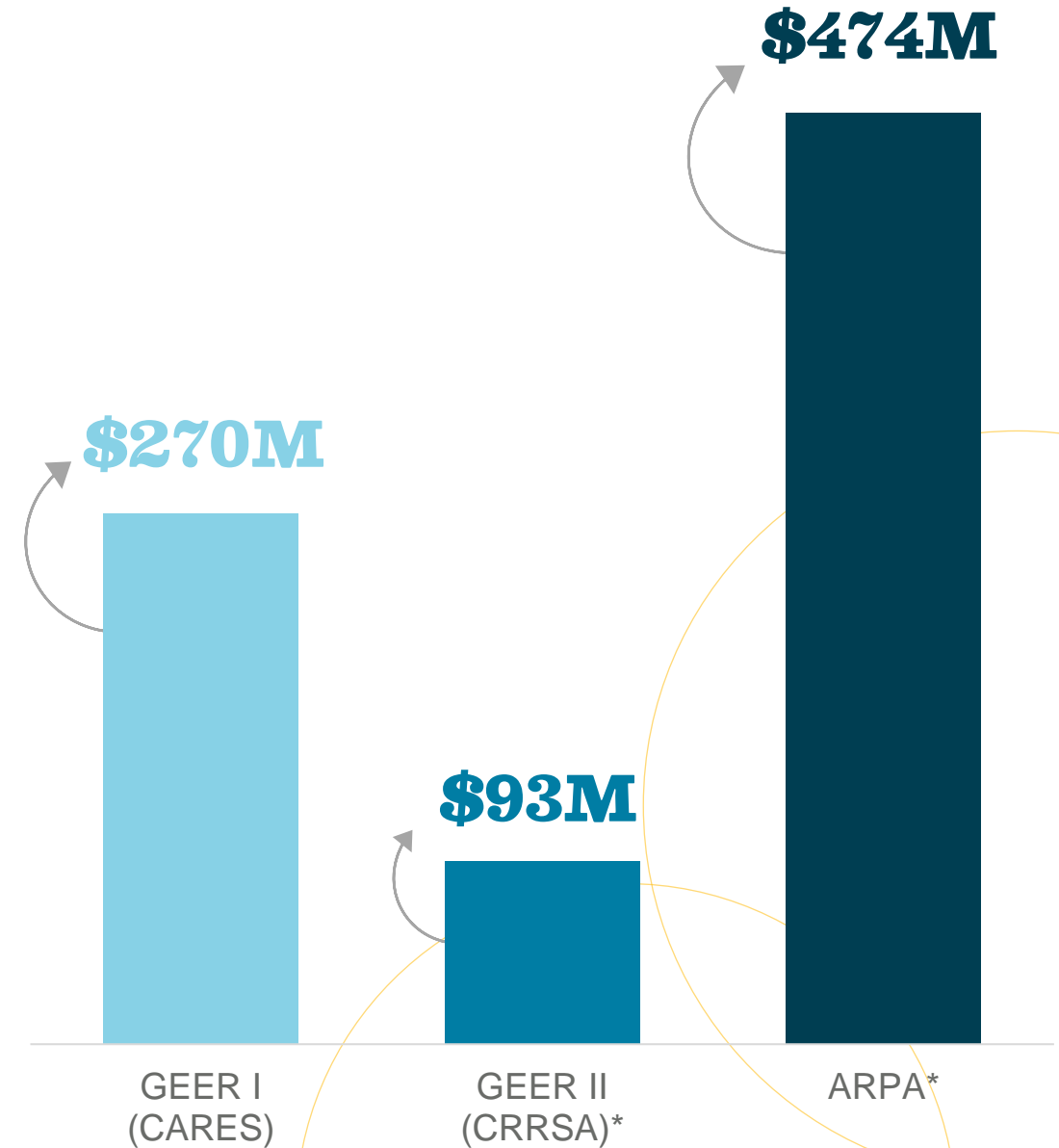
Catalyzing Impact at Scale

GEER I funds allocated to 2-year and 4-year institutions across the state benefited students in several ways:

- **66,000** received direct financial aid or other funds
- **550,000** engaged with interactive advising tools
- **6,600** accessed open educational resources

Capitalizing on a Pivotal Moment

THECB continues to prioritize federal stimulus funds toward **accelerating innovation** and making investments that are critical to **Texas' economic recovery** and **future competitiveness**



Notes: GEER II funds were from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). Federal stimulus funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were passed through to institutions.

Student Success Initiatives



COMPLETION GRANT PROGRAM

Provide grants for outstanding balances to support for ongoing expansion & scaling of support for current and stopped out students with some college, no credential.



STUDENT SUCCESS PLANNING GRANTS

Allow institutions to plan for development or expansion of innovative programs and initiatives to positively impact access, persistence, completion.



STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM INVENTORY

Database of evidence-based student success programs across the state to help inform decision-making and practices that scale and enhance quality student success programs.



SYNERGISTIC MINDSETS INTERVENTION

Leverage research and data services to support stress mindset interventions for students in intro courses.



STUDENT SUCCESS ACCELERATION PROGRAM

Accelerate development and implementation of student success programs to positively impact access, persistence, and completion.

TX Student Success Program Inventory (SSPI)

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/sspi>





\$153M

**STUDENT
FINANCIAL AID**



\$15M

**DATA SECURITY &
MODERNIZATION**



\$20M

**CAREER &
COLLEGE ADVISING**



\$47.5M

**INNOVATION &
COLLABORATION**

Building on Our Momentum

THECB is seeking targeted investments across four **exceptional item requests** from the 88th Texas Legislature to support higher education and advance the goals of ***Building a Talent Strong Texas***



**Texas Higher
Education
COORDINATING BOARD**